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KINSHASA PLEASE PASS TO CODEL DIGGS

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SUBJECT: WRAP-UP: CODEL DIGGS

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1. SUMMARY: CODEL DIGGS COMPLETED VERY SUCCESSFUL THREE-DAY TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE. CODEL MET WITH MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (AND NUMBER TWO IN GOVERNMENT) MARCELINO DOS SANTOS, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOAQUIM CHISSANO, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MARIO MACHUNGO AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY GOVERNMENT AND UN OFFICIALS. CODEL ALSO VISITED UNHCR-SUPPORTED REFUGEE CAMP IN DOROI. (SEPTEL). STAY IN MOZAMBIQUE AFFORDED CODEL USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO GET MOZAMBIQUE'S THINKING ON ZIMBABWEAN QUESTION, LEARN ABOUT RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE, DISCUSS AND SEE FIRST-HAND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PLIGHT OF ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES, AND EXPLAIN LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS WHICH WILL AFFECT MOZAMBIQUE. DIGGS ALSO HAD CHANCE MEETING WITH BOTSWANA PRESIDENT SERETSE KHAMA. END SUMMARY.

2. CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE AFRICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE, VISITED MOZAMBIQUE MARCH 22-25. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR HERSCHELLE CHAL-

LENOR, STATE ESCORT FSO GIBSON LANPHER AND FSO RICHARD BALTI-MORE OF AMEMBASSY PRETORIA. IN MAPUTO, CODEL MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING MARCELINO DOS SANTOS (REFTELS). A LUNCHEON WITH INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTER MARIO MACHUNGO, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR FERNANDO HONWANA AND OTHER MOZAMBICAN OFFICIALS INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF GPRM DESIRE FOR AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN INVESTMENT, DAMAGE FROM THE CURRENT FLOODS ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER, AND THE ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS TOWARD AID TO MOZAMBIQUE.

- 3. CODEL MET WITH UNHCR REP BEN BLAVO AND MOZAMBIQUE REFUGEE SUPPORT DIRECTOR FRANCISCO LANGA AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FRANCISCO KUFA. DISCUSSED ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND NEED FOR ADDITIONAL U.S. AID AND ARRANGED VISIT TO DOROI REFUGEE SETTLEMENT
- 4. WITH MRS. JANET MONDLANE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, CODEL DISCUSSED MOZAMBIQUE AID REQUIREMENTS AND WAYS TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS. MONDLANE SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE HAS NOT YET DEVELOPED A SATISFACTORY SYSTEM FOR REQUESTING AND ANALYSING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. SHE EMPHASIZED THAT ALL DONORS, NOT JUST THE UNITED STATES, WERE FINDING THE STAFF IN HER OFFICE TOO SMALL TO HANDLE AID OFFERS PROMPTLY. MONDLANE RESPONDED DUBIOUSLY TO DIGGS' SUGGESTION THAT THE PEACE CORPS BE INTRODUCED IN MOZAMBIQUE. SHE SAID HER IMPRESSION OF THE PEACE CORPS IN TANZANIA WAS NEGATIVE, AND THAT SHE DID NOT SEE A ROLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR PC VOLUNTEERS IN MOZAMBIQUE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

- 5. DIGGS AND CHALLENOR MET WITH ZANU SECRETARY FOR HEALTH HERBERT USHEWOKUNZE AT EMBOFF HOME MARCH 23. USHEWOKUNSE TOOK HARD LINE ON NECESSITY FOR INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE AND DEFICIENCIES IN US/UK POSITION.
- 6. WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR JOHN LEWEN AND OTHER MOZAMBICAN AND DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS, CODEL DISCUSSED RHODESIA SITUATION. DIGGS ENCOURAGED THE FRONT LINE STATES TO PRESS FOR A TOUGHTER UK/US STAND AGAINST THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.
- 7. DIGGS HAD A FIVE-MINUTE PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH BOTSWANA PRESIDENT SERETSE KHAMA, WHO WAS AT THE BEIRA AIRPORT EN ROUTE TO DAR ES SALAAM FOR THE FRONT LINE SUMMIT. ACCORDING TO DIGGS, JHAMA APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH, AND HOPED THAT THE FRONT LINE MEETING WOULD PRODUCE A JOINT RESPONSE TO THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT. KHAMA WAS NON-COMMITTAL ABOUT WHAT HE TOUGHT THE RESPONSE SHOULD BE. KHAMA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A BRITISH ADVISOR.
- 8. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CODELS SINCE MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE. ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO AR-

RANGE APPOINTMENT WITH MACHEL OR MUGABE, CODEL SAW THREE KEY MINISTERS, REFUGEE CAMP AND RANGE OF MOZAMBICAN OFFICIALS. IMPROVEMENT PROBABLY DUE TO DESIRE FOR IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS ON BOTH SIDES, GPRM AWAKENING TO IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESS AND LONG ENOUGH CODEL STAY IN MOZAMBIQUE FOR GPRM TO LINE UP MEETINGS AND TRAVEL. END COMMENT.

9. THIS CABLE WAS NOT CLEARED WITH CODEL DIGGS. DE PREE

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